



# ABC Update September 2008

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## ABC EARNS RE-ACCREDITATION

The Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Enforcement Division recently passed a re-accreditation review by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police (KACP).

The accreditation process is a progressive and time-proven way of helping law enforcement agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance, according to the KACP. Accredited agencies benefit from the use of consistent and proven procedures, clearly outlined policies, and efficient practices. The audit process includes a full review of policy and procedure, as well as an on-site review to determine if the agency meets accreditation standards. The accreditation audit by the KACP:

- Provides a means of independent evaluation of agency operations.
- Provides a basis to correct deficiencies in the agency's operations before they become public problems.
- Requires that agencies commit policies and procedures to writing.
- Provides a norm for an agency to judge its performance.
- Has the potential to reduce liability insurance costs.
- Promotes accountability among agency personnel and the evenhanded application of policies.
- Enhances the reputation of the agency, thereby helping to attract the most qualified candidates for employment.
- Minimizes an agency's exposure to liability.
- Increases the community's confidence
- Recognizes agencies for meeting standards of excellence.

Receiving an initial accreditation five years ago, ABC went through a re-accreditation audit the week of July 21 to maintain its standing.

“Upon passing the audit, the ABC enforcement division shows it has maintained and improved upon the more than 157 standards that address the important issues about how an



agency should be governed,” said Michael Bischoff, KACP executive director. “[The ABC] has updated these items according to legislative changes and improvements over the past five years.”

*(Pictured: Josh Crain, Wayne Hall (KACP president), Mike Razor, and Brooke Christopher)*

*(ABC Earns Re-accreditation cont.)*

“The Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police accreditation is something that the ABC Enforcement Division is proud to have earned,” said Mike Razor, ABC’s director of enforcement. “The distinction as the only state agency to earn this very difficult accreditation speaks volumes about the professionalism and enthusiasm of the ABC Enforcement Division. However, prestige is not the only reward. The guidelines improve our ability to serve Kentucky citizens.”

The ABC Enforcement Division is the only state agency that currently holds an accreditation by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. The division was recognized and presented with a second-year certificate on Aug. 6 at the KACP conference.

## **ABC S.T.A.R. Reminders**

Remember that S.T.A.R. certifications are valid for three years. It may be time to get recertified. Recertification requires attendance to the first two sections of the S.T.A.R. class, and successful completion of the exam. Call our office for more details and to register.

S.T.A.R. attendees are required to prepay and preregister. Also, remember to let us know if you can not make a course that you have prepaid to attend. If we are not made aware, your payment is not refundable and you will need to pay again when you do take the course. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy.

Keep up to date on schedule changes and other information by visiting [www.abc.ky.gov](http://www.abc.ky.gov).

## **ABC Frequently Asked Questions:**

**What authority do ABC Investigators have?**

ABC investigators have:

- full police powers - jurisdiction statewide
- power to inspect any ABC licensed premises
- power to confiscate any contraband property. KRS 241.090



## UPCOMING S.T.A.R. TRAINING DATES

Server Training in Alcohol Regulations - In addition to responsible sales and service training, we cover Kentucky-specific statutes and regulations, individual liabilities and fake IDs. Class time is four and one-half hours.

**Classes start promptly at noted time.**

Class Date	Class Location	City	Class Time
9/8/2008	CIGAR FACTORY COMPLEX RM 199	OWENSBORO	9:00 AM
9/9/2008	MIDDLETOWN GOVERNMENT CTR	LOUISVILLE	9:00 AM
9/10/2008	PRITCHARD COMMUNITY CENTER	ELIZABETHTOWN	5:00 PM
9/15/2008	PRITCHARD COMMUNITY CENTER	ELIZABETHTOWN	9:00 AM
9/15/2008	ABC OFFICE	FRANKFORT	9:00 AM
9/16/2008	JENNY WILEY SRP CONV CTR	PRESTONSBURG	9:00 AM
9/20/2008	RAMADA INN @ PARIS PIKE	LEXINGTON	9:00 AM
9/22/2008	PUBLIC LIBRARY	HOPKINSVILLE	9:00 AM
9/23/2008	URBAN BARRETT GOVT CTR	LOUISVILLE	6:00 PM
9/30/2008	FLORENCE GOVERNMENT CTR	FLORENCE	9:00 AM
9/28/2008	MSU CURRIS CENTER	MURRAY	12:30 PM
9/29/2008	CIVIC CENTER	MT. STERLING	9:00 AM
10/7/2008	RAMADA INN @ PARIS PIKE	LEXINGTON	9:00 AM
10/13/2008	CIGAR FACTORY COMPLEX RM 173	OWENSBORO	5:00 PM
10/14/2008	MIDDLETOWN GOVERNMENT CTR	LOUISVILLE	9:00 AM
10/20/2008	ABC OFFICE	FRANKFORT	5:00 PM
10/22/2008	MAYOR'S JOB TRAINING CENTER	LEXINGTON	5:00 PM
10/25/2008	TBA	LOUISVILLE	9:00 AM
10/27/2008	KY DAM VILLAGE SRP	PADUCAH	9:00 AM
11/3/2008	HOUCHENS CENTER	BOWLING GREEN	9:00 AM
11/4/2008	RAMADA INN @ PARIS PIKE	LEXINGTON	9:00 AM
11/10/2008	CIGAR FACTORY COMPLEX RM 199	OWENSBORO	9:00 AM
11/11/2008	MIDDLETOWN GOVERNMENT CTR	LOUISVILLE	9:00 AM
11/15/2008	RAMADA INN @ PARIS PIKE	LEXINGTON	9:00 AM
11/17/2008	ABC OFFICE	FRANKFORT	9:00 AM
11/25/2008	FLORENCE GOVERNMENT CTR	FLORENCE	9:00 AM
11/24/2008	KY RIVER ADD	HAZARD	9:00 AM
11/25/2008	URBAN BARRETT GOVT CTR	LOUISVILLE	6:00 PM
12/2/2008	RAMADA INN @ PARIS PIKE	LEXINGTON	9:00 AM
12/8/2008	CIVIC CENTER	MT. STERLING	9:00 AM
12/9/2008	MIDDLETOWN GOVERNMENT CTR	LOUISVILLE	9:00 AM
12/13/2008	AMERICAN FOUNDERS BANK	LOUISVILLE	9:00 AM
12/14/2008	TBA	MURRAY	1:00 PM
12/15/2008	ABC OFFICE	FRANKFORT	5:00 PM
12/15/2008	PUBLIC LIBRARY	HOPKINSVILLE	9:00 AM
12/15/2008	CIGAR FACTORY COMPLEX RM 199	OWENSBORO	5:00 PM
12/16/2008	JENNY WILEY SRP LODGE RM 3	PRESTONSBURG	9:00 AM
12/17/2008	MAYOR'S JOB TRAINING CENTER	LEXINGTON	5:00 PM

